

An Evening Forum on Population, Environment and Growth in New England

at the

**University of New Hampshire (UNH), Elliott Alumni Center, Room 1925
Thursday, October 23, 2003, 7:30-9:00pm**

Agenda

Welcome and Opening Remarks

7:30-7:40 pm

Amy Seif, UNH Center for Integrative Regional Problem Solving (CIRPS)

Vicky Markham, Center for Environment and Population (CEP)

Julie Starr, National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Northeast Regional Office

Moderator

7:40-7:45 pm

Doug MacPherson, Reporter, New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR)

Presentations

7:45-8:30 pm (Each about 12-15 minutes)

Vicky Markham, Founding Director, Center for Environment and Population (CEP), launching and presenting findings from the new ***U.S. State Reports on Population and the Environment: New Hampshire***

Beth Della Valle, Coordinator of the Maine State Planning Office's Land Use Team, presenting on the state of population growth and smart growth efforts in Maine

David Soule, Northeastern University, Massachusetts, Center for Urban and Regional Policy, discussing land-use trends and their impacts on the quality of life and the environment

Audience questions and discussion

8:30-9:00 pm

Moderated by **Doug MacPherson**

This event is sponsored by the Center for Environment and Population (CEP), UNH Center for Integrative Regional Problem Solving (CIRPS), and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). The local co-sponsor is the New England Coalition for Sustainable Population (NECSP). For more information contact: Amy Seif (CIRPS), amy.seif@unh.edu, 603-862-4650, www.unh.edu/cirps; Julie Starr (NWF), jstarr@nwf.org, 802-229-0650, www.nwf.org; or Vicky Markham (CEP), Email: vmarkham@cepnet.org; www.cepnet.org. The "***U.S. State Reports on Population and the Environment: New Hampshire***" can be viewed online at <http://nwf.org/nwfwebadmin/binaryVault/NHreportfinal1.pdf>. Hard copies are available from CEP.

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Moderator and Speakers' Bios

Doug MacPherson is a reporter for New Hampshire Public Radio, where he specializes in coverage of science and natural resource issues. He began his reporting career in 1992 as a news writer for WBUR in Boston. He went on to become WBUR's State House Reporter. He joined NHPR in 1996. Doug is a regular contributor to National Public Radio (NPR's) *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and *Weekend Edition*. He also files for Public Radio International's *Marketplace*, NPR's *Only a Game*, and for Voice of America. Doug is a Fellow of The Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources. In 2002 he was named a Ted Scripps Fellow in Environmental Journalism, and spent the 2002-2003 academic year studying environmental science at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Doug is a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont. He lives in Barrington, New Hampshire.

Vicky Markham has over 18 years experience in the field of environment and population science, policy, and outreach. She received a Masters of Environmental Sciences (MES) from the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in 1983. Ms. Markham is founding director of the Center for Environment and Population (CEP), a project of the Tides Center. She started and directed the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) International Directorate's Program on Population and Sustainable Development (PSD) for six years. She directed the World Wildlife Fund International's (WWF) Population Program, headed the WWF delegation to the UN International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Prepcoms and Cairo meeting, and was part of the WWF delegation to the UN International Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio. For WWF's 28 National Organizations, she wrote the *WWF Discussion and Policy Paper on Population and Environment*. She was International Planned Parenthood Federation's (IPPF) Education, Information and Communications (IEC) Program Officer for Africa and Asia based in London, and co-produced documentary films on population, environment and development topics for The Better World Society/Turner Broadcasting/Central TV-UK. Ms. Markham's publications include *Human Population, Biodiversity and Protected Areas: Science and Policy Issues*; *Water and Population Dynamics: Case Studies and Policy Implications*; *AAAS Atlas of Population and Environment* (University of California Press); *Yale Bulletin-Human Population and Freshwater Resources: U.S. Cases and International Perspectives*; and, the *U.S. State Reports on Population and Environment* series.

Beth Della Valle has been a land use planner in Maine for 23 years – as a local planner in South Portland, a planning consultant, and for the past eight+ years with the Maine State Planning Office. Currently she is Coordinator of the State Planning Office's (SPO) Land Use Team, which manages the Office's Smart Growth and Growth Management Programs. Beth has a BA in biology from Middlebury College and a Masters of Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania's Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Program. Maine has been exploring the regulatory side of growth management since 1987, when it adopted its Growth Management Act. Since 1996, the Program has explored the fiscal management side of the issues at the same time it has been working on an innovative "Market Strategy." Much of this last year has been spent consolidating the gains made under the King Administration – institutionalizing fiscal mechanisms guiding state growth-related capital investments, managing the investment of one-time \$1.6 million Smart Growth Fund for planning and the development of new tools, emboldening local planning efforts, getting smart growth models on the ground, helping a new statewide organization get off the ground, and stabilizing losses in critical staff (not least of all, SPO's former director, Evan Richert). Early this year, Beth compiled and edited

a four-year evaluation of Maine's Program entitled, *We Have A Choice*. The report can be downloaded from SPO's new web site at <http://www.state.me.us/spo/landuse/docs/evaluation2003/index.php>.

David Soule is a Senior Research Associate at the Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University. He recently stepped down as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council after 15 + years of service. As the Chief Executive Officer of the Council, he is responsible for a budget which exceeds \$8 million and a staff of more than 80 professional and support personnel. During his tenure, he has overseen the development of MetroPlan, a comprehensive plan for the future of the Boston metropolitan area. The Council develops regional plans and programs and provides technical assistance to the municipalities in the metropolitan area. Prior to joining the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Mr. Soule served as the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission in Nashua, New Hampshire for 7 years. From 1971 to 1980, he served as deputy and planning director of the Capitol Region Council of Governments in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Soule has a Bachelor's degree from Trinity College and recently completed his doctorate at Northeastern University in Law, Policy, and Society. His dissertation explores the problem of sprawl using the Boston metropolitan area as a case study.

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